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CHAPTER 1

ANNEX 1 OBJECTIVES OF THE DEFENSE WORKING CAPITAL FUNDS

A. The DWCF is designed to:

- 1. Provide a more effective means for controlling the costs of goods and services required to be produced or furnished by DWCF activities, and a more effective and flexible means for financing, budgeting, and accounting for the costs thereof.
- 2. Create and recognize contractual relationships between DWCF activities and those activities that budget for and order the end-products or services.
- 3. Provide managers of DWCF activities the financial authority and flexibility required to procure and effectively use manpower, materials, and other resources.
- 4. Encourage more cross-servicing among the DoD Components and among their operating agencies, with the aim of obtaining more economical use of facilities.
- 5. Facilitate budgeting for and reporting of the costs of end-products. This will underline the cost consequences of choosing between alternatives.

B. Specific objectives include the following:

- 1. Furnish managers of DWCF activities with modern management tools comparable to those utilized by efficient private enterprises engaged in similar types of activities.
- 2. Improve cost estimating and cost control through comparison of estimates and actual costs.
- 3. Obtain alert, forward-looking financial planning at DWCF activities by making them financially dependent on reimbursements received for goods and services furnished in fulfilling orders from customers.
- 4. Encourage producers of goods and services to coordinate labor forces and inventories with workload, budgeting, and cost control.
- 5. Instill in the officials of ordering Agencies a greater sense of responsibility and self-restraint in balancing the cost of specific goods and services to be ordered against the benefits and advantages of their procurement, especially in the light of alternative or competing demands.

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- 6. Place ordering agencies in the position of critically evaluating purchase prices (that is, costs of performing activities) as well as quality and delivery-speed of goods and services ordered.
- 7. Enable ordering agencies to budget and account on an "end-product" basis (the same as when buying from commercial contractors), thereby simplifying budget presentations, budgetary control, and accounting procedures for both producers and ordering agencies.
- 8. Establish, whenever feasible, standard prices or stabilized rates and unit prices for goods and services furnished by DWCF activities, thus enabling ordering Agencies to more confidently plan and budget.
- 9. Encourage ordering agencies' management to improve program planning and scheduling in response to producers' efforts to plan and negotiate for orders as far in advance as feasible.